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IDEAL-053771
CY 1072

LANDING INCIDENT

U-2R

055 (N812X)

13 SEPTEMBER 1971

REPORT NUMBER 1

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Group 1
Excluded from Automatic
Downgrading and
Declassification

U-2R 055

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20 September 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA

SUBJECT : U-2R 055 Incident, 13 Sep 71

1. In reviewing the above incident, the following comments/opinions are submitted:

a. Ref report, page 1. Although agreed it was an early hour, it still seems the specialized aircrew briefing should have been done the day of the flight. In the least, a review of the previous day's briefing.

b. Ref report, page 6. The T-33 accident on 11 Aug was not included. Apparently [] did not consider the 11 Aug accident as a flight, per se. With the outcome being a major aircraft accident, a summary should have been included in this report.

c. The following is my opinion only. Prior to the approach for the landing that produced the incident, some discussion occurred concerning fuel unbalance. Fuel was transferred for from 1 1/2 to 2 minutes or longer. The fuel transfer rate is 6 - 8 gal per minute. I would have expected the IP to confirm another fuel balance check prior to an attempted landing.

2. Since corrective action has been completed, suggest the incident be closed.

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Safety Officer

CONCUR:

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